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What is claimed is:

Apparatus for identifying dangerous material, comprising: 1. an outer shell;

at least one internal unit disposed within the shell comprised of: 5

a tube sealed at a first end and a second end;

a dynamic needle moveable relative to the shell and having a penetration end disposed adjacent the first end of the tube and a proximal end disposed within a sleeve, wherein the sleeve surrounds the dynamic needle

and is in a sealed relationship with the tube; and

a fixed needle affixed to the outer shell, having a penetration end adjacent the second end of the tube, and a dispersal end of the fixed needle disposed within the outer shell.

The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the internal unit further comprises: 2. an activation handle connected to the dynamic needle and protruding through the outer shell.

- The apparatus of claim 2, wherein the activation handle is a slider disposed within 3. a slot in the outer shell.
- The apparatus of claim 2, wherein the proximal end of the dynamic needle is 4. sealed to a distribution orifice disposed within the activation handle that connects a lumen of the dynamic needle and an interior chamber of the tube.
- The apparatus of claim 1, comprising at least three internal units. 5.
- The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the outer shell further comprises a removable 6. end cap.

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7. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the tube is comprised of a cylinder and further comprises at least one sealing cap.

- 8. The apparatus of claim 7, wherein the tube is comprised of glass and the sealing cap is comprised of a plastics material.
  - 9. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein one or more portions of the apparatus are transparent.
- 10 10. Apparatus for identifying dangerous material, comprising: an outer shell;

at least one internal unit disposed within the shell comprised of:

a tube sealed at a first end and a second end;

a dynamic needle moveable relative to the shell and having a penetration end disposed adjacent the first end of the tube and a proximal end disposed within a sleeve, wherein the sleeve surrounds the dynamic needle and is in a sealed relationship with the tube; and

a fixed needle affixed to the outer shell, having a penetration end adjacent the second end of the tube, and a dispersal end of the fixed needle disposed within the outer shell.

- 11. A method of identifying dangerous material, comprising the steps of opening an outer an outer shell;
- placing an open end of the outer shell in contact with a substance to be tested;

  forcing the tube against a fixed needle affixed to the outer shell; and

  moving a dynamic needle relative to the shell to puncture a tube sealed at a first
  end and a second end,

whereby the tube is evacuated of its contents by said contents passing through the fixed needle and a reaction occurs to enable the determination of he presence of a dangerous material.

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12. The method according to claim 11, wherein the step of forcing the tube against a fixed needle comprises moving an activation handle to cause an assembly containing a

tube to move relative to the outer shell

5 13. The method according to claim 13, wherein the step of moving an activation

handle comprises sliding an external handle within a slot.

14. The method according to claim 11, wherein the step of moving a dynamic needle

relative to the shell further comprises the step of creating a volume of relatively high

pressure in fluid communication with the dynamic needle, whereby flow is established

into the tube to assist in the evacuation of its contents.

15. The method of claim 14 wherein the step of creating a volume of relatively high

pressure in fluid communication with the dynamic needle further comprises the step of

providing one or more orifices at one end of an assembly connected to the dynamic

needle.